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Halifax Moosheads forward Stefan Fournier, left, collides with Anthony Beaulieu of the Victoriaville Tigres during QMJHL action at the Halifax Metro Centre on Sunday afternoon. Fournier potted the winning goal on a late-game power play as Halifax won for the 23rd time in 27 starts this season. Story, see page 20. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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**Hockey.** 3 Mooseheads looking to be named Monday to Canadian junior selection camp

treribly happy. I can't lie about that," said Fucale, after the Moosehead's 3-2 win over the Victoriaville Tigres on Sunday at the Metro Centre. "But nothing's happened yet and we can speculate all we want. We'll just see what happens (Monday)."

Could one, maybe two, even three Halifax Mooseheads be selected to try out for Canada's junior hockey team?

Hockey Canada is announcing Monday at 1:30 p.m. ADT the names of those players who will participate in the selection camp that begins on Dec. 10.

Cole Harbour's Nathan MacKinnon, a star forward with the Mooseheads, and teammates Jonathan Drouin and Zach Fucale are all considered possible invites. MacKinnon, a potential first overall pick in the 2013 NHL entry draft, is the strongest bet of the three to make it. Drouin's great start this season has him also in the conversation while Fucale may be more of a long shot.

"If it happens, I'll be ex-

MacKinnon doesn't hide the fact he wants to play for the Canadian junior team, but also realizes the selection process is out of his hands.

"It's up in the air right now. I'm obviously really hoping I do get the invite," he said. "It's my dream to play for Canada and I really want to help Team Canada get a gold over in Russia."

Canada opens play at the world juniors on Dec. 26 against Germany. **PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO**

**Quoted**

**"At the end of the day, it's up to Hockey Canada."**

**Nathan MacKinnon** on Monday's selection camp roster announcement.

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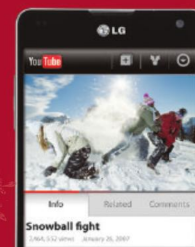
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**Theft**

## Charges laid over stolen donations

Halifax Regional Police say they've charged a man who allegedly made off with a donation bucket Saturday.

Police say the man allegedly stole the bucket from the lobby of a hardware store in Clayton Park on Saturday and fled into a wooded area.

They say the identity of the alleged thief became known to police with information from the public and around 4 p.m. Sunday, the suspect turned himself in.

Police have charged a 24-year-old man with theft and possession under \$5,000. Most of the stolen money was returned.

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**East Preston**

## Police investigate stabbing

Police officers spent a few hours gathering evidence in East Preston Sunday after a stabbing that sent a young man to hospital.

The 27-year-old, from East Preston, showed up at the Dartmouth General Hospital around 2:50 a.m. Sunday with a stab wound described as non-life threatening.

Hospital staff notified police, and RCMP officers along with K9 units, members of the General Investigative Section and RCMP forensic technicians went to an area of Upper Partridge River Road to continue the investigation.

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**Ashley Hills**

## Correction

Ashley Hills was incorrectly identified in the Metro Halifax story on Nov. 30, "Stolen puppy returned to owners safe and sound."

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## The holiday season is off and running

Members of the Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic) and their support crew run along the Bedford Highway on Sunday afternoon during the annual Christmas Daddies Navy Divers' Run. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Dry fall weather OK for crops: Farmer

**Wet start, dry end to fall.** Apple grower 'not worried' after dry spell with above average temps and normal precipitation forecast for the next 2 months



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Fall in Halifax started off much wetter than usual, but the pendulum has swung to the other extreme.

Environment Canada's precipitation tally at Halifax Stan-

field International Airport was 80.6 mm in November, 75.6 mm of which was rain. Normal November rainfall in Halifax is around 133 mm.

However, despite the dry spell — rainfall was also lower than usual in October — one farmer says there's no concern for the next growing season.

"November was drier, but that shouldn't affect us any," said John Eisses, apple grower and president of the Nova Scotia Fruit Grower's Association. "I'm not worried."

Fall was off to a wet start in September, which Environment Canada meteorologist David Phillips called "one of the wettest moments in Eastern Canada history."

**Precipitation**

## 146mm

Normal precipitation for November in Halifax, according to Environment Canada.

More than 385 mm of rain fell at Stanfield International, setting a new provincial record for the wettest September ever.

October, on the other hand, had below average precipitation with 103.7 mm, while regular rainfall would have been 126 mm.

Eisses said October was damp enough to hamper some apple-pickers, but not

enough to affect the crop.

While Eisses said vegetable farmers might have a different opinion, a few weeks of dry weather — even after one of the hottest and driest summers on record — won't hurt next year's apple crop.

"They're fine," he said. "The summer was even drier, but in the end it didn't affect us."

November's temperatures were pretty close to normal, with the average at 3.1 degrees compared to the normal of 3.5. Environment Canada's long-term forecasts are calling for above-average temperatures and normal precipitation over the next two months.

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## Feds give N.L., N.S. loan guarantee for the Lower Churchill River energy projects

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, flanked by Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Kathy Dunderdale, left, and Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter, heads to an announcement in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L., on Friday. Harper announced that the Canadian government and the two provinces have agreed on terms for a federal loan guarantee for the Lower Churchill River energy projects.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# HRM priorities on the line for council

**'Give and take' needed.**  
Karsten officially returns to council seat



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If you want to get a sense of priorities for the new regional council over the next four years, you may want to tune into Tuesday's meeting.

"It's one of the most important pieces of work we do," said Coun. Bill Karsten, Dartmouth-Eastern Passage, about the strategic priority outcomes. "There's lots to be done."

The strategic priority outcomes will be discussed at the committee of the whole Tuesday afternoon, which means no

### Quoted

**"It gives me the opportunity to roll up my sleeves and get to work."**

Coun. Bill Karsten on being sworn in.

one will have time limits, motions aren't needed to speak, and the conversation is more informal, Karsten said.

"We're a new council," said the Peninsula North councillor, Jennifer Watts, "What are the particular priorities and focus areas we want to be looking at?"

Streetscaping, the regional plan, transportation, HRM by Design, business parks, and youth at risk are among the many items up for review.

Watts said now will be the time for councillors to give feedback they've heard from the public on the campaign trail. She said she's anxious to see how city staff, fellow councillors and the new mayor pull the meeting off.

Watts added there will definitely be a money angle to the meeting as well.

"Once we get a sense of the priorities, they will begin to inform the budget process for this coming year," Watts said.

But Watts said there were a few missing items on the list which she would have liked to focus on.

"I did not see a lot of empha-



Bill Karsten will be sworn in as the councillor for District 3 on Tuesday. METRO FILE

sis on renewable energy and environmental sustainability projects," Watts said, and added housing affordability and the cultural arts community weren't present either.

Karsten, who will be sworn in as the councillor for District 3 on Tuesday, said overall transportation and approval of the regional plan are issues of importance for him, but that there needs to be an open dialogue as well.

"I think we need to have that collaboration and perhaps some give and take," Karsten said.

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The Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan in August 2005 in Los Angeles, Calif. MARK MAINZ/GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Dog trainers plan event to compete with 'Dog Whisperer'

**Butting heads.** Local event organizer says experts stress 'positive reinforcement' and shun Millan's philosophy of 'dominance'



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The so-called "Dog Whisperer" will face competition from local dog trainers Tuesday, when he's scheduled to perform at the Metro Centre.

Adina MacRae of Halifax-based Sublime Canine Services said the group of six experienced dog behavior experts, doesn't agree with Cesar Millan's 'aggressive' and 'dominating' approach to dog training.

They're offering a free hour-and-a-half question and answer session in hopes of

### Free session

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introducing local dog owners to alternative training methods.

"We wanted to have a voice that is a little different than Cesar's," said MacRae. "Frankly, dominance doesn't typically exist in dogs and human families. Dogs generally know we are humans with bigger brains and we control all the resources our dogs want and need."

MacRae said what's also different about the two approaches is that she wants

her audience to go home and practice what they've learned at Tuesday's session. Episodes of Millan's 'The Dog Whisperer' TV show begin with a disclaimer, warning viewers not to try the techniques shown in the program.

However, MacRae says her event isn't meant to be a protest. In fact she says she agrees with Millan on several points, such as the fact that most dogs need much more exercise, and the importance of staying calm with your pet.

But, she says, as a dog owner it's more important to be consistent rather than assertive, which she says is another of Millan's guiding principles. She also believes in rewarding good behavior as opposed to 'squashing out' bad behavior.

In 2006, the American Humane Society called for the cancellation of Millan's show, stating his methods were "inhumane."

### New Germany

## Court rules on teacher's firing

A Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge has ruled that a New Germany teacher was unreasonably fired three years ago. Peter Speight pleaded guilty to committing an indecent act for incidents that occurred in 2008 in the Halifax area. On Friday, Judge Gerald Moir concluded Speight is apologetic and a low risk to reoffend and has completed rehabilitation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Halifax police release video of Brunswick Street shooting

Halifax Regional Police have released surveillance videos in hopes of identifying the suspects in a recent broad daylight shooting.

The video was taken on Nov. 13 around 3 p.m. The footage shows the shooting on the 2100 block of Brunswick Street. Police say two suspects fired multiple shots at each other and then fled the area on foot.

One of the suspects is a five-foot nine-inch black man in his mid to late twenties with a thin build. He was



Halifax Regional Police are asking anyone with information about this shooting to contact them or Crime Stoppers. HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE

wearing a light grey hoodie, black scarf covering his face, black puffy vest and jeans.

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## Northern California. Storm number 3 slams region over the weekend

Another major storm moving into Northern California brought more pouring rain, flooding and additional problems to an area already soaked after two major storms.

Residents of Northern California enjoyed just a bit of a respite, but the most recent storm — the third in a string of powerful weather systems to hit the region since Wednesday — arrived Saturday

night and forced several rivers over their banks, as National Weather Service forecasters predicted.

With rivers and streams already running high and the ground saturated from the previous storms, the National Weather Service had issued flood warnings for both the Napa and Russian rivers north of San Francisco.

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Milton Lopez attempts to drive through floodwaters in Windsor, Calif., last Friday. Another storm hit the area Saturday. THE PRESS DEMOCRAT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### North Korea

## China urges stability as rocket launch looms

China expressed concern Sunday over its ally North Korea's plans to launch a long-range rocket in mid-December.

All sides should work for stability and avoid acts that raise tensions, the foreign ministry said in a brief statement.

The launch is set for Dec. 10 to 22.

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### Human rights

## 'Black jailers' sentenced in Beijing

A Beijing court has sentenced a group of men for illegally detaining people seeking to have their complaints heard by the central government, state media reported Sunday, in an apparent blow against attempts by local governments to cover up corruption and other abuses of power.

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# Worldwide pollution levels on the rise

**Global warming.**  
Scientists say CO<sub>2</sub> increase means it's unlikely that countries will meet reduction targets

The amount of heat-trapping pollution the world spewed rose again last year by three per cent. Scientists say it's now unlikely that global warming can be limited to a couple of degrees, which is an international goal.

The overwhelming majority of the increase was from China, the world's biggest carbon dioxide polluter. Of the planet's top 10 polluters, the United States and Germany were the only countries that reduced their carbon dioxide emissions.

Last year, all the world's nations combined pumped nearly 38.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the air from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, according to new international calculations on global emissions published Sunday in the journal Nature Climate Change. That's about a billion tons more than 2010.

The total amounts to more than 1.1 million kilograms of carbon dioxide released into the air every second.

Because emissions of the key greenhouse gas have been rising steadily and most carbon stays in the air for a century, it is not just unlikely but "rather optimistic" to think that the world can limit future temperature increases to 2 C, said the study's lead author, Glen Peters at the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo, Norway.



A smoggy morning commute in Beijing. China is responsible for the majority of a three per cent increase in worldwide carbon dioxide levels in 2011, making it the world's biggest polluter. GETTY IMAGES FILE

### Conference in Doha

## Looking beyond Kyoto

Highlighting a rift between the rich countries and emerging economies like China, New Zealand's climate minister staunchly defended his government's decision to drop out of the emissions pact for developed nations, saying it's

an outdated and insufficient response to global warming.

Other key issues at the conference, now starting its second week, include how to help emerging nations switch to climate-friendly energy sources and charting the course for a new treaty that would replace the Kyoto Protocol, which covers only developed countries.

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Three years ago, nearly 200 nations set the 2 C temperature goal in a non-binding agreement. Negotiators now at a conference under way in Doha, Qatar, are try-

ing to find ways to reach that target.

The only way, Peters said, is to start reducing world emissions now.

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### 2011's biggest polluters

- 1 China, up 10 per cent to 10 billion tons.
  - 2 United States, down two per cent to 5.9 billion tons.
  - 3 India, up seven per cent to 2.5 billion tons
  - 4 Russia, up three per cent to 1.8 billion tons.
  - 5 Japan, up 0.4 per cent to 1.3 billion tons.
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# Egypt's top judges strike over courthouse blockade

**Power play.** Morsi supporters rally to stop judges from ruling on constitutional bias

Egypt's top court suspended its work indefinitely to protest "psychological and physical pressures" after supporters of the Islamist president prevented judges from entering the courthouse on Sunday to rule on the legitimacy of a disputed constitutional assembly.

The decision by the Supreme Constitutional Court (SCC) is the latest twist in a worsening political crisis pitting President Mohammed Morsi and his allies against the mostly secular opposition and the powerful judiciary. The standoff began when Morsi issued decrees on Nov. 22 that gave him sweeping powers and granted the president — and

## Dark times

**"(This is) the Egyptian judiciary's blackest day on record."**

The Supreme Constitutional Court describing Sunday's blockade.

the constitutional committee — immunity from the courts.

The Islamist-dominated panel drafting the new constitution then raced in a marathon session last week to vote on the charter's 236 clauses without the participation of liberal and Christian members. The fast-track hearing preempted a decision expected from the SCC on whether to dissolve the committee. The judges on Sunday postponed their ruling on that case.

A day earlier, Morsi announced a referendum on the draft charter on Dec. 15 despite opposition protests and questions about the document's legitimacy.

The president's seizure of vast powers has galvanized Egypt's disparate opposition groups, who have united in their demands that Morsi rescind the decrees and create a constituent assembly that is more balanced and inclusive.

Supporters of Morsi, who hail from the Islamic fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, claim that the court's judges are loyalists of ousted president Hosni Mubarak, who appointed them. Morsi's backers accuse the judges of trying to derail Egypt's transition to democratic rule.

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Riot police block supporters of President Mohammed Morsi on Sunday outside the Supreme Constitutional Court in Cairo. AHMAD HAMMAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Israel to withhold tax transfer to Palestinians

Israel on Sunday roundly rejected the United Nations' endorsement of an independent state of Palestine, announcing it would withhold more than \$100 million collected for the Palestinian government to pay debts to Israeli companies.

It was the second act of reprisal since the UN General Assembly voted on Thursday to support Palestinian statehood. The following day, Israel announced plans to build thousands of settlement homes, including the first-ever developments on a sensitive piece of land near Jerusalem.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared the campaign, led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, "a gross violation of the agreements signed with ... Israel."

Abbas returned Sunday to a hero's welcome in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Some 5,000 people thronged a square outside his headquarters.

"We now have a state," he said. "The world has said loudly, 'Yes to the state of Pal-



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government has vowed to withhold tax payments to the Palestinian Authority.

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estine."

Abbas warned of "creative punishments" by Israel. Referring to the latest settlement plans, he said, "We have to realize that your victory has provoked the powers of war, occupation and settlements."

The UN resolution endorsed the Palestinian position that its state includes the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip,

territories captured by Israel.

In response, Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz said the government would withhold taxes and customs collected from Palestinian labourers and businesses on behalf of Abbas' Palestinian Authority.

The money will be used to help pay off the authority's debts to Israel, government officials said. This month, more than \$100 million was to have been transferred. Steinitz said Israel would decide later whether to withhold future transfers.

Israel announced on Friday that it would press ahead plans to build 3,000 housing units in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, the core of the Palestinians' hoped-for state.

It also vowed to dust off a master plan to build apartments and hotels on the section of territory east of Jerusalem. Palestinians have warned such construction would doom the creation of a viable state of Palestine.

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## Intelligence. Navy struggles to explain lost and found sensitive data

Electronic records detailing the planned overhaul of Canadian naval intelligence — created when admitted Russian spy Jeffrey Delisle was at the height of his treachery — were deleted from a National Defence database.

Two PowerPoint presentations, aimed at explaining the overhaul to intelligence analysts, were reported deleted when copies were requested earlier this year by The Canadian Press.

Military officials described the deletions as a clerical error.

The navy later claimed some copies had survived in email accounts.

Questions about the deletion come at a time when the military's entire handling of sensitive data is under scrutiny.

"We should be asking questions, absolutely," said retired colonel and military law expert Michel Drapeau.

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Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle leaves court in Halifax. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Iran

### Death sentence for Canadian resident deferred: Lawyer

A lawyer for Canadian resident Saeed Malekpour said that the computer programmer's death sentence on charges of creating a network of porn websites has been suspended in Iran.

Amnesty International and several activists have expressed caution, reserving judgement for proof of the suspension. Iran has in the past reversed decisions for clemency.

Malekpour has maintained that a software program he created while in Canada was used without his knowledge to post pornography. But he was nevertheless allegedly tortured for a confession and charged with "insulting and desecrating Islam."

After a 2010 trial widely condemned as unfair — and in which he was forbidden to defend himself — he was condemned to death.

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# Milwaukee woman saves \$8,987 on print at Goodwill

## Alexander Calder.

Lithograph by famous American artist appraised at \$9,000, purchased for \$12.34

Red Nose just meant a holiday song about a reindeer named Rudolph to Karen Mallet until she bought a print by that name for a discounted \$12.34 at a Goodwill store in Milwaukee, Wis. It turned out to be a lithograph by American artist Alexander Calder worth \$9,000.

Mallet, a media relations specialist, didn't even like Red Nose when she first spotted it during one of her frequent Goodwill shopping trips in May.

Then she saw the Calder signature.

"I thought, I don't know if it's real or not, but it's \$12.99. I've wasted more on worse things," she said.

Once home, she searched the Internet and found similar lithographs by Calder.

Jacob Fine Art Inc. recently set its replacement value at \$9,000, but Mallet has no immediate plans to sell.

"It grew on me," she said.

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## Big finds

### 'Thrill of the hunt'

Mallet's good fortune is at least the fourth time in six months that valuable art has turned up at Goodwill.

Last month, a Salvador Dali sketch found at a Goodwill shop in Tacoma, Wash., sold for \$21,000. Last summer, a North Carolina woman pocketed more than \$27,000 for a painting she bought for \$9.99 at Goodwill. And last spring, a dusty jug donated in Buffalo, N.Y., was discovered to be an American Indian artifact, thousands of years old — it was returned to its tribe instead of being offered for sale.

A Goodwill spokeswoman said workers at its 2,700 stores try to spot valuables and auction them online to net more money for the charitable group. But workers aren't art experts, and items slip through the cracks.

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Karen Mallet stands in front of her Alexander Calder print in her Shorewood, Wis., home on Wednesday. MORRIS GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Can screens and steel spell Christmas?

An abstract light installation replaces the traditional Christmas tree at the Grand Place in Brussels on Saturday. Traditionally, a 20-metre pine tree from the forests of the Ardennes decorates the city's central square. This year, it has been replaced with this 25m construction.

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## Deer games. Three new faces play dark horse at Pennsylvania racetrack

Spectators who came to watch horses at a western Pennsylvania racetrack got a surprise this week when three deer got onto the course first and beat the horses to racing.

According to KDKA-TV, a race was about to begin Wednesday night at the Meadows Racetrack in Washington County when the deer jumped onto the track.

Race announcer Roger Huston didn't miss a beat. He began calling the race as it

unfolded, saying things like: "As they race down the track, Bambi has the lead. Here comes Rudolph from the outside."

The deer ran fast but kept changing directions. At one point, they appeared headed to the paddock, where the horses were being held.

Several minutes into the show, the deer decided to leave the track to the horses.

Huston says Bambi won the race. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Three deer beat some horses to their own race. SAM GREENWOOD/GETTY IMAGES



# RCMP urges big changes to witness protection program

## Blueprint for reform.

Mounties propose admission criteria be expanded to 'a broader spectrum of eligible witnesses'

Youth gang members — not just mobsters, bikers and other traditional protectees — should be allowed into the federal witness-protection program as part of a sweeping modernization, the RCMP says.

The Mounties are also embracing intensive psychological examination of potential protectees, a national support centre for the secretive program and an external advisory board to serve as a watchdog.

The changes are spelled out in a detailed RCMP blueprint for reforming witness protection with assistance

### Sweeping changes

- The report says the program must be "better able to respond to current challenges" such as street and youth gang violence.
- The report also says a review of best practices and consultations with other countries revealed that the use of psychologists would "greatly assist" in determining whether someone was suitable for protection and possible relocation.

from the federal Public Safety Department and the provinces.

Although the paper was completed in May 2010, it was released only now to The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

RCMP spokesperson Lau-

rence Trottier — while providing few details — confirmed that at least some changes have already been introduced. Trottier added that the witness-protection program "continues to rapidly evolve."

The program, administered by the Mounties, provides measures ranging from short-term protection to permanent relocation and identity changes. The RCMP spent more than \$9 million on the program in 2011-12.

Revelations five years ago that a protectee committed murder while in the program triggered a review and discussion that continues to this day.

Several provinces have their own witness-protection programs, but often they provide only short-term assistance. In addition, obtaining new federal identity documents for protectees requires co-operation with the Mounties. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Wreaths laid to honour fallen veterans

Relatives and members of the public place wreaths at headstones of fallen soldiers on Sunday during a Wreaths Across Canada ceremony at Beechwood Military Cemetery in Ottawa. The commemorative ceremony places a wreath on the headstone of every veteran buried in the National Military Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of December. The day also helps teach children about the sacrifice of our fallen.

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## Commission says 'no' to building code changes for wildfire-prone areas

A federal commission has rejected proposals to change Canada's national construction codes to better protect communities from destructive wildfires.

The changes would have required builders in areas prone

to forest fires to use less flammable building materials, to space buildings farther apart and to keep them clear of trees and vegetation.

"The majority of the provinces said, 'No, you can't put this in the building codes because

we couldn't enforce it,'" Philip Rizcallah, of the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, said. "They felt it would be very difficult to go in there and mandate the type of siding somebody put on their house."

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# China surpasses the U.S. as world's top trading partner

## The hand that feeds.

China is starting to push back in disputes over trade, exchange rates and climate change

Shin Cheol-soo no longer sees his future in the United States.

The South Korean businessman supplied components to American automakers for a decade. But this year, he uprooted his family from Detroit and moved home to focus on selling to the new economic superpower: China.

In just five years, China has surpassed the U.S. as a trading partner for much of the world, including U.S. allies such as South Korea and Australia, according to an Associated Press analysis of trade data. As recently as 2006, the U.S. was the larger trading partner for 127 countries, versus just 70 for China. By last year the two had clear-

ly traded places: 124 countries for China, 76 for the U.S.

In the most abrupt global shift of its kind since the Second World War, the trend is changing the way people live and do business from Africa to Arizona, as farmers plant more soybeans to sell to China and students sign up to learn Mandarin.

The findings show how fast China has ascended to challenge America's century-old status as the globe's dominant trader, a change that is gradually translating into political influence. They highlight how pervasive China's impact has been, spreading from neighbouring Asia to Africa and now emerging in Latin America, the traditional U.S. backyard.

Despite China's now-slumping economy, its share of world output and trade is expected to keep rising, with growth forecast at up to eight per cent a year over the next decade.

Last year, Shin's ENA Industry Co. made half its sales of rubber and plastic parts to U.S.

## Power-holder

**"The United States is a tiger with no power. Nobody can deny that China is the one now rising."**

South Korean businessman Shin Cheol-soo

factories. But his plans call for China, which overtook the U.S. as the biggest auto market in 2009, to rise five-fold to 30 per cent of its total by 2015.

"The United States is a tiger with no power," Shin said in his office, where three walls are lined with books, many about China. "Nobody can deny that China is the one now rising."

Trade is a bit like football — the balance of exports and imports, like the game score, is a neat snapshot of a jumble of moves that make up the economy, and both sides are apt to accuse each other of cheating from time to time. Also, the

U.S. and China are both rivals and partners who can't have a match without each other, and a strong performance from both is good for the entire league.

Trade may get less publicity than military affairs or diplomacy, yet it is commerce that generates jobs and raises living standards. Trade can also translate into political power. As shopkeepers say, the customer is always right: governments listen to countries that buy their goods, and the threat to stop buying is one of the most potent diplomatic weapons.

China has been slow to flex its political muscle on a large scale but is starting to push back in disputes over trade, exchange rates and climate change.

The United States is still the world's biggest importer, but China is gaining. It was a bigger market than the United States for 77 countries in 2011, up from 20 in 2000, according to the Associated Press analysis. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Shin Cheol-soo, chief executive of the ENA Industry, speaks at his office in South Korea. Shin uprooted from Detroit to move closer to China, which now leads the world in terms of key trade partnerships. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Trade secrets. Couple convicted of stealing info on hybrid car technology

A former General Motors engineer with access to the automaker's hybrid technology was convicted along with her husband of stealing trade secrets for possible use in China.

Shanshan Du won a transfer within GM in 2003 to be closer to the technology and then copied documents until she accepted a severance offer and left the company in 2005, prosecutors said.

Du, 54, and Yu Qin, 51, were found guilty Friday by a federal jury in Detroit after a trial that lasted weeks. Qin was also convicted of wire fraud and attempting to obstruct justice by shredding documents.



Shanshan Du THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Du faces up to 10 years in prison, while her husband faces up to 30. No sentencing date has been set. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Battery maker

### China approves Wanxiang bid to buy U.S.'s A123

China has approved a proposal by auto parts conglomerate Wanxiang Group Corp. to purchase the assets of bankrupt U.S. battery maker A123 Systems.

The Chinese Commerce Ministry's approval of the bid was announced by the official Xinhua News Agency on Sunday. Wanxiang is interested in buying substantially all of the assets of A123, which is based in Massachusetts.

It will have to compete with other bidders, including Johnson Controls Inc., a U.S. auto parts maker.

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## Obama faces tough pipeline call

It's a decision U.S. President Barack Obama put off during the 2012 campaign, but now that he's won a second term, his next move on a proposed oil pipeline between the U.S. and Canada may signal how he will deal with climate and energy issues in the four years ahead.

Obama is facing increasing pressure to determine the fate of the \$7-billion Keystone XL project, with environmental activists and oil producers each holding out hope that the president, freed from the political

constraints of re-election, will side with them on this and countless other related issues down the road.

On its surface, it's a choice between the promise of jobs and economic growth and environmental concerns. But it's also become a proxy for a broader fight over American energy consumption and climate change, amplified by Superstorm Sandy and the conclusion of an election that was all about the economy.

"The broader climate move-

ment is absolutely looking at this administration's Keystone XL decision as a really significant decision to signal that dirty fuels are not acceptable in the U.S.," said Danielle Droitsch, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defence Council.

Opponents have launched protests in recent weeks at the White House and in Texas urging Obama to kill the project. On Capitol Hill, support for the pipeline appears to be gaining.

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# CONNOLLY, MY FRIEND, YOU'LL BE MISSED



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I didn't go to journalism school. In a day when informal apprenticeship was the norm, I was lucky to learn my trade from its best practitioners:

Nick Fillmore, the crusading editor of the feisty local alternative weekly, the 4th Estate; Harry Bruce, one of Canada's finest magazine writers and essayists; and Pat Connolly, the legendary sports journalist whose microphone was finally stilled last week at 84.

I met Pat back in 1969. I was 20, a fresh recruit in "Arnie's army," an eclectic band of inexperienced college dropouts Arnie Patterson had assembled to man the newsroom at CFDR, his tiny-and-trying-harder Dartmouth radio station.

## Life lessons from Connolly

**We only worked together for a year, but I learned one of my most important life lessons from him.**

I was there because I came cheap. Pat's story was different. Then in his early 40s, he was already a major figure in Canadian sports broadcasting. In 1952, he'd succeeded Danny Gallivan as sports-caster at Halifax's CJCH Radio after Gallivan moved

to Montreal to become the voice of les Canadiens. Many expected the equally gifted Pat would follow the same path. In fact, in 1969, the year I met him, the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers invited him to become their play-by-play announcer, the second NHL team to do so.

Pat ended up in our no-name newsroom, in part because he was then in the middle of a long, difficult battle with the bottle. He conquered those demons, but by then he'd long since opted to make his career and life in Nova Scotia. Lucky for us.

Lucky for me to have had the chance to work with him. Though Pat will be more formally remembered as the voice of every major hockey milestone in Nova Scotia from the Sydney Millionaires' run for the Allan Cup in 1949 to the birth of the Mooseheads in 1994, I can't help but think of him first as a kind man, a generous mentor and exemplary role model.

We only worked together for a year, but I learned one of my most important life lessons from him. While it's important to take the work seriously — Pat knew everything there was to know about sports because he never stopped asking questions — you should never take yourself so seriously.

He will be missed. Pat Connolly, RIP.

## Blowing up the Kremlin

### Secret-code letter by Napoleon auctioned off

A secret code letter sent in 1812 by Napoleon Bonaparte boasting that his French forces would blow up Moscow's Kremlin has sold at auction for 10 times its estimated pre-sale price.

A Paris museum — the Museum of Letters and Manuscripts — was finalizing its purchase of the Oct. 20, 1812 document for \$243,500 US, including fees. That's far above the pre-sale estimate of \$19,500 US.

Auctioneers at Fontainebleau Auction House south of Paris say the letter sold Sunday is unique. It was written in a numeric code



This rare letter, written in unusually emotive language, sees Napoleon complain of harsh conditions and the shortcomings of his grand army.  
CHRISTOPHE ENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

used by the French ruler to throw off would-be interceptors. Its content bared the strains on Napoleon of his calamitous Russian invasion.

One line said: "At three o'clock in the morning, on the 22nd I am going to blow up the Kremlin."

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# Cartooning consumerism



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## Windsor, Ont.

### Tagging acts as culture commentary

The iconic cartoon father Homer Simpson pasted to the side of a shuttered 7-Eleven in Windsor, Ont., cries out in pain, blood dripping from his hands and wrists. Dubbed Homercidal, he's the work of street artist Ben Frost.

"It's as if consumerism has affected Windsor in a way that's burst the bubble," he says. "Homer has the blood of the workers on his hands." **METRO**

## D'oh

- Frost also affixed a two-headed Dewey (of Duck Tales fame) to an abandoned Kentucky Fried Chicken, and a somewhat disturbing version of Bambi to a former Home Depot location.
- The KFC duck clearly invokes urban legends about the company using genetically-modified animals in its food, while the Home Depot piece is a comment on mass-produced goods.

## Buyer's remorse

### Message might stick

Frost uses his art as a form of social commentary.

"In a lot of ways, it's about using corporate imagery as a way to take the power back, taking their logos and what they're feeding us, and subverting it," he says.

Frost's pieces are paper posters affixed using simple adhesives. The method helps minimize his chance of a run-in with the law.

"Because it's paper, you can only get in trouble for littering," he says. **METRO**

## Not about doughnuts

**"It's a nod to a consumer culture where we're just creating simulations of the same stuff ... Especially at a place like Home Depot where there's five million \$1 paintbrushes. There must be a machine somewhere that's just spitting them out."**

Ben Frost, Toronto-based street artist

# Initiative helps kids put their best foot forward

## News worth sharing

Media will always have to report on the tough stuff. But we know that Canada is full of compassionate individuals, inspiring projects and stories worth celebrating. Here's just one.

At this time of year, we all like to put our best foot forward to make a difference.

But this is one Lunenburg group that does it two shoes at

a time.

For over 12 years, the Shoes for Kids initiative has been providing new shoes each Christmas for less-fortunate children in the community.

The shoes are purchased from money raised throughout the year, including the sale of Christmas wreaths, assembled by the Shoes for Kids group. "It all started (when) we saw a need because of rising costs of shoes," says Janet Mason, a Shoes for Kids co-chair. "There are a lot of single-parent fam-

ilies in the area and we felt that we could help in this small way."

More than 100 pairs of shoes were distributed last year and Mason says that with each passing year, they continue to help more and more families. The growing need is a sad reality, but she says making a difference is what's important.

"I hope that (this initiative) puts a smile on the face of a child that just received a new pair of running shoes for Christmas."

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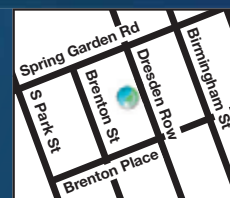


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# Torture? That's fine, but don't beat him at ping-pong

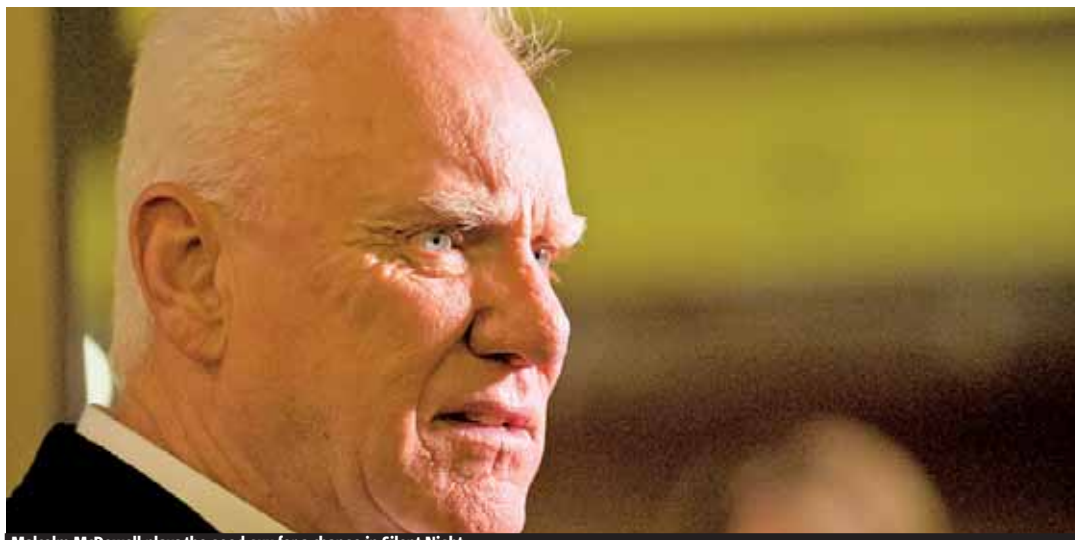
**Silent Night.** Latest role offers McDowell — who relished beating Stanley Kubrick at table tennis — a rare chance to play the good guy

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On Wednesday, the two most popular items on my Facebook site were a picture of a kimono-wearing David Bowie playing ping-pong, the other a mention of my upcoming interview with Malcolm McDowell.

My reference to McDowell, the menacing actor who famously played the man who killed Captain Kirk in *Star Trek: Generations* and became an icon starring as Alex DeLarge in *A Clockwork Orange*, drew dozens of comments. The interview was meant to promote *Silent Night*, a Winnipeg-shot slasher flick about a killer Santa Claus, on DVD next week, but before we get into talking about the film, however, I tell him about the postings. He connects the dots between table tennis and his most famous film.

It seems director Stanley



Malcolm McDowell plays the good guy for a change in *Silent Night*. GETTY IMAGES

Kubrick and McDowell played ping-pong on the set of *A Clockwork Orange*. When I ask who usually won, he said:

"He never ever took a set from me. I wiped the floor with him with such great relish because it was the only thing I could really beat him at. He was tormenting me as the character and I'm sure deep down he enjoyed it. He was a little bit

sadistic. I went through quite a lot of nasty injuries from the eye thing and horrible things like being dunked in water and almost drowned. There was a lot of physical abuse. So when I could get my own back, I really loved it." When I ask if he still plays the game, he replies, "No, I haven't played in years."

Hasn't had time I guess.

An on-going role in the series

Franklin and Bush and 17 other IMDB credits for 2012 alone are proof that at age 69, he keeps as busy as most actors half his age. He says *Silent Night* was a welcome change, however.

Usually cast as a baddie, he was chuffed to play the brave sheriff of a town terrorized by a slaying Santa. "Without pandering to the audience, I just wanted to bring a little lightness and

humour to it without chewing the scenery," he says. "Well, not too much."

Not that he's unhappy playing villains. "In my early career, I started playing heavies," he says. "*Clockwork Orange* is one of the great heavies. If I had been playing heroic types I'd have had a short career. Playing heavies has allowed me to work no matter what my age."



Shania Twain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Twain back and Still The One

**Standing ovation.** Canadian country star overwhelmed by adoring fans during emotional comeback concert in Las Vegas

Shania Twain roared into her first live show in more than eight years perched atop a glistening motorcycle on Saturday, dangling on wires at least three metres in the air in a sequined black catsuit, her thick brown hair flowing behind her.

Without singing a word, she then received her first standing ovation from an adoring Caesars Palace audience. Shania was back. And her new Las Vegas digs seemed an even better fit for the Canadian-born country starlet than the skin-tight costume she wore as she stomped her thigh-high black boots back across the stage for the first time since July 2004. Next, fierce guitars cut like buzzsaws as her 13-piece band launched into *I'm Gonna Getcha Good* and Twain strut-

ted about the stage as if she'd never left.

But of course, she did leave — and she didn't let the sold-out crowd forget that they were witnessing a tough, triumphant moment for the 47-year-old many still consider the Queen of Country.

"Thank you. Thank you so much — you guys are going to get me all emotional, and then my eyelashes are going to fall off," said Twain, dabbing at her eyes as she addressed the audience for the first time.

And yet, this 100-minute show — titled *Shania: Still The One* — was at once a callback to one of the most successful runs in recent music history as well as a chic, cheeky look toward a new era in Twain's career.

And she certainly looked rejuvenated. She laughed often — even when it threatened to throw off her delicate diction — she blew kisses, she waded into the crowd, she mimed cymbal smashes and occasionally tossed off seemingly improvised dance moves imbued with the spontaneous joy of someone lost in the moment.

"You guys having a good time so far?" she asked halfway through her set.

"I hope so, 'cause that's the only reason I do this. ... Otherwise I would just stay on my lonesome and sing."

Yes, Twain still effortlessly projected the warmly accessible cowgirl next door, even while wholeheartedly embracing the glitz and sizzle expected on the Las Vegas Strip. She first sent a jolt through the crowd by charging onstage on the back of a black stallion before launching into a rowdy take on *Ain't No Quitter* with the stage decorated to look like a Wild West saloon.

During *That Don't Impress Me Much*, meanwhile, huge metal pipes churned out smoke on either side of the stage while snarling leopards were projected on the walls.

And during *You're Still The One*, she trotted onstage on a different horse, a white equine this time, before gently frolicking with it throughout the performance, confetti shaped like snowflakes falling from the sky.

Saturday's show was extra

meaningful in part because Twain has been in vocal rehabilitation for years, since reporting the sudden loss of her voice following her painful split from studio wizard and key creative collaborator Robert (Mutt) Lange. If Twain showed hints of rust in her voice early, she only sounded more robust and comfortable as the gig went on, setting an especially lofty mark for herself during a lovely version of *From This Moment On*.

While the show was a family friendly affair, Twain also proved that, after nearly a decade spent out of the public eye, she's still not shy about tapping into the power of her sex appeal — and this is, after all, Vegas.

Twain's initial tour run will include 10 performances through Dec. 15, with the next 14-show engagement beginning March 19.

And the fact that *Come On Over* is still the best-selling studio album by a female act and best-selling country album of all time, she shouldn't have a problem selling all dates out.

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Robert Pattinson

## A biting affair: Pattinson keeps Stewart on her toes

Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson may have reconciled following her cheating scandal this summer, but it's not necessarily all smooth sailing between the Twilight co-stars.

"Things will be strained for a

while," a source tells Us Weekly. "Rob is at a point where he sometimes ignores her. He'll go out and won't respond to her calls or texts right away. She knows she has to go along with it. She is working hard at the relationship."



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@KChenoweth

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@billmaher

Dec. 1 is kind of a depressing day - into the last month now...another year shot, another year closer to death. Happy Holidays everybody!



@kevin\_nealon

Conundrum Question: What if global warming was responsible for no earthquakes lately in California?

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

## Ke\$ha wouldn't rule out romance with the Biebs

While Justin Bieber appears to be patching things up with Selena Gomez, he can take comfort in the fact that he'd have other options if the reconciliation doesn't work out. When asked by Rolling Stone if she'd be interested in getting intimate with the 18-year-old pop star, rapper Ke\$ha gives a resounding, "Sure" before asking, "Wait, is he even legal? Could I go to jail for this?" Once assured that Bieber is in fact of age, Ke\$ha adds, "OK then, I would. We could go out and buy lottery tickets, vote, play putt-putt golf. All the things that are legal at the age of 18."



Justin Bieber

### Quoted

"Wait, is he even legal? Could I go to jail for this?"

Ke\$ha



Jessica Biel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Biel loves calling Timberlake her hubby

Jessica Biel is adjusting to married life, as weird as it may seem to her just over a month after tying the knot with Justin Timberlake.

"It's weird because it feels like almost nothing has changed, yet something that you can't really describe — or something

that isn't tangible — has changed," she tells Ellen DeGeneres in an interview.

"I think the weirdest and kind of most wonderful thing is that word, 'That's my husband.' That's the word. And every time I say it, I go really Southern with it. It's weird."



Halle Berry

## Custody agreement final for Berry and ex Aubry

After a lengthy custody battle that came to a head with a bloody Thanksgiving brawl between Gabriel Aubry and Olivier Martinez, Halle Berry and ex-boyfriend Aubry have reportedly reached a custody agreement over their four-

year-old daughter Nahla — though details are hard to come by. "The parties have reached an amicable agreement. There will be no further statements regarding this matter," Berry's lawyer said in a statement to People magazine.

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## Water activities

## Little swimmers

Beyond sleeping soundly, new research suggests kids who swim also hit developmental milestones earlier than their landlocked peers.

The Griffith Institute for Educational Research pooled together three years' worth of data from 7,000 under-fives from Australia, New

Zealand and the U.S. in the most comprehensive study on the impact of early years swimming.

Swimmers outperformed non-swimmers, regardless of socio-economic background and gender. Not only were visual-motor skills milestones achieved earlier, but children who swam also scored better in areas of literacy and numeracy. **JULIE M. GREEN, YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA**

## Cleanup

## Easy linen closet solutions

Have you ever found yourself pulling apart your entire linen closet in a desperate search for matching sheets and pillowcases?

Well, there's a super simple solution that I wish I would have thought

of years ago!

When you are putting your sheets away, fold and place them inside the matching pillowcase. That way, everything is in one pillowcase — perfectly neat and folded.

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# No child should feel afraid to go to school — ever

**Bullying.** The increasing problem hits close to home for one family

**CONSUELO BERNARDI**

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It's 2:03 a.m. and I'm wide-awake. My mind keeps replaying a conversation my husband and I had with our six-year-old son, who told us he was being bullied at school.

It was the hardest, most gut-wrenching conversation I've ever had. My son was a happy, optimistic kid who recently had turned into an angry, moody and argumentative shell of himself. For the longest time, I blamed myself for going back to work. I wish my job was the reason behind the change.

He was afraid of recess. He didn't want to be pushed or called an idiot and a baby.

The worst part was that he was starting to believe these words. He said, "I know you keep saying that they are just words and I should ignore them, but sometimes the words are just too strong and my brain tells me to believe them. Maybe I am the world's worst boy and I don't deserve to be at

that school or in this family. Or maybe I shouldn't even be on this earth. Those boys are making my life shorter. I feel that in my head."

No six-year-old should ever say these words. No child should feel afraid to go to school — ever.

I now have a heightened sense of urgency to find a bullying solution. I get that kids will be kids, but this generation seems to be increasingly filled with kids who push and test the boundaries with no true sense of what consequences their actions will have.

Schools need the resources and support to deal with this ever-growing problem. Parents need to be more proactive.

We need to talk to our kids about being bullied, what bullying is and what it does. We need to keep the lines of communication open and keep the dialogue going until it sinks in.

Before he finally fell asleep, my son asked if we were mad at him for telling us what was bothering him. We both told him how incredibly proud of him we were because we knew how hard it was for him to tell us, especially since it had been bothering him for such a long time. We told him we thought he was very brave. He cried. We cried. We exchanged I love yous and extra long hugs.



Bullying proves that words can hurt. iSTOCK

I stayed with him until he fell asleep, just staring, watching him breathe and hoping that his mind would be filled

with nothing but good dreams while he slept. And I wished that in the morning he would turn back into that happy,

carefree little boy I once knew. **YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA IS AN ONLINE RESOURCE TO HELP BUSY WOMEN SURVIVE MOTHERHOOD**

## Roll up your sleeves and bake with kids



There are ways to enjoy baking with the little ones. iSTOCK

**Bonding.** Having little ones help in the kitchen creates memories

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You're covered in flour, the floor is a mess of coconut and chocolate chips, and your kids' fingers won't stay out of the mixing bowl.

It sounds like a disaster, right? Nope, it's a memory. It's a learning experience. It's a wonderful holiday trad-

ition for you to create with your kids. It's a moment that's worth all of the cookie crumbs and vagrant coconut pieces.

Baking with your kids is really something they will remember forever.

Take the plunge, pull out your apron and remember these five tips to help your survive baking with the kids.

### Make a plan

Get ahead of the mess and set up the ingredients along with bowls, measuring cups and the mixer. The more organized you are, the better.

### Reason for the insanity

Make something to give to the teacher or neighbour in a cookie exchange. By planning it that way, you're less likely to bail on the plan and more likely to help your child develop pride in his or her work and giving.

### Choose a creative project that's easy to adapt

A project or recipe that is too complex will be frustrating for both you and the kids. Small hands and short attention spans will do better with projects that have only a few simple steps.

### Document!

Take loads of pictures of the whole process for the memory books (or social networking sites). If the cookies burn, you'll be bummed about having no treats, but you'll still be able to reflect on how much fun it was.

### Eggnog never hurts

There's nothing wrong with mama chef enjoying a little spiked eggnog during the baking process. It helps turn a blind eye to the egg shells in the batter and the fingers in the bowl. We're all real moms, right?



# A Tex-Mex fiesta in a bowl

The garnishes for this Tortilla, Sautéed Corn and Plum Tomato Soup make it a real Tex-Mex favourite as well as a beautiful-looking soup.

It's a great starter to a main course of fajitas, burritos or quesadillas.

I buy flavoured tortillas in bulk and freeze them.

To defrost, place the entire package in the microwave oven and heat on high for 30 seconds, or just until you can break away the number you need. Refreeze the remainder.

The different colours add interest to any meal.

1. Spray a non-stick saucepan with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Cook the onion, green pepper and garlic, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden. Stir in the corn and cook for 5 minutes, or until the corn begins to brown.

2. Stir in the stock, black beans, rice and chili paste. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 12 minutes.

3. Add the tomatoes, corn-



This recipe serves six. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

starch (dissolved in 1 tbsp of water) and salt and pepper.

## Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 3/4 cup drained canned corn kernels
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 3/4 cup rinsed and drained canned black beans
- 3 tbsp basmati rice
- 1 tsp hot chili paste
- 1 cup diced plum tomatoes
- 2 1/2 tsp cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced flavored flour tortillas
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream

Simmer for 2 minutes until slightly thickened.

4. Ladle the soup into individual bowls and garnish each serving with tortilla strips, fresh herbs, and sour cream.

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## The In-Credibility Factor

**Name:** Cody Battershill  
**City:** Calgary  
**Age:** 28  
**Occupation:** Real estate agent and community activist



THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR  
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Cody Battershill had plans to become a lawyer, but when his mother suggested he get into real estate he switched gears and became an immediate success. Two years into his career, he was honoured with the MLS Millionaire Dollar Club Award and was in the top one per cent of sellers in his company. Focused and very successful in his career, Cody is also intensely committed to his city and volunteers with more than seven child and youth organizations in Calgary.

**I knew I was on my way when...** I was 20 years old and I sold my first house. I felt like I had gotten to the first yard marker of my success in my new career, but it's been eight years and I've never looked back.

A lot of people talk about balance. For me, that's having a family, being a pillar of the community and helping those less fortunate. One of



Cody Battershill PROVIDED

the best things is the friendships you make. Everywhere I go I see people that have become my friends because I helped them accomplish their real estate goals. The No. 1 most important thing for me is to put my clients and their concerns first. Don't focus on the money, focus on the client.

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# Mooseheads need late goal to put away pesky Tigres

**QMJHL.** Victoriaville gives Halifax all it can handle despite playing 4th game in 5 nights



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Not all of the Halifax Mooseheads' wins can be blowouts, as much as fans might enjoy them.

There are days, like Sunday, where it goes down to the wire.

"I think it's a test," said Mooseheads forward Stefan Fournier, whose power-play marker with 3:08 left in the third period propelled Halifax to a 3-2 victory over the Victoriaville Tigres before 7,996 fans at the Metro Centre. "You can't win every game 6-1, 7-1. The important thing is when we go into games like this we still come out of it with the two points, regardless of the ups and downs."

Things were looking up for Halifax as they went ahead 2-0 on Matthew Boudreau's 17th goal of the season at 2:44 of the third. But 1:25 later, things went downward. First, a goal from Victoriaville forward Philippe Hudon, then 35 seconds after that, William Cochrane

tied the game.

The Mooseheads didn't panic though, and Fournier was in front of the Tigres goal during the late-game power play and put the puck past netminder Brandon Whitney on a feed from Nathan MacKinnon for his 16th goal of the season.

"I was pretty excited about it. There's always a little bit of extra rivalry when I'm playing against my old team," said Fournier, who spent last season with Victoriaville. "I can't say it's more important than any other goal but I'm really glad I got it to win the game."

Randy Gazzola had Halifax's other goal.

Zachary Fucile, who made several keep saves during a Tigres power play in the final 90 seconds, finished with 23 stops, while Whitney, who is from Centreville, faced 39 shots.

The Mooseheads (23-30-1) will face the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Tuesday night at Centre 200.

## Quoted

**"Our team is composed enough to rebound from that."**

Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon on Victoriaville erasing Halifax's 2-0 lead



Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Zach Fucile deflects a shot from the Victoriaville Tigres in the first period on Sunday.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Rainmen struck down by Lightning



London Lightning point guard Adrian Moss fights off defender Melvin Goins of the Halifax Rainmen on Sunday afternoon at Budweiser Gardens.

ANDREW SERCOMBE/FOR METRO

The Halifax Rainmen seemed to run out of gas in a 108-95 loss to the National Basketball League of Canada's top team on Sunday afternoon.

Morgan Lewis broke a 17-17 tie at the 4:13 mark of the first quarter, and the host London Lightning (9-0) never trailed again.

After outscoring the Lightning 27-22 in the third, the Rainmen entered the final quarter down 74-69.

The Rainmen kept trying to fight back despite a few unlucky breaks, and drew within seven points with 8:53 left, but the Lightning quashed any hopes of a comeback after that.

## Quoted

**"I know we can beat them, and we should have beat them."**

Rainmen coach Rob Spon

Both squad's grabbed 54 rebounds, but the Lightning managed 21 offensive boards compared to Halifax's 11.

"We couldn't get over the hump," said Rainmen head coach Rob Spon. "We played hard and I'm proud of that. They're good, well-coached, got a lot of vets and there's a reason they're undefeated."

Quinnell Brown led Halifax with 16 points and 10 boards while Adrian Moss had a game-high 21 points for London.

After Saturday's 105-104 victory over the Oshawa Power, the Rainmen fall back to .500 at 5-5.

Spon said he'll be prepared for a two-game home stint in which the Rainmen will do battle with the Power and the Saint John Mill Rats on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

He said he has lots of rebounding and defensive rotation drills planned in the meantime. "We don't lose at the Metro (Centre)," Spon declared. **ANDREW RANKIN/METRO**

## AUS basketball

### Brown vaults Tigers past Panthers

The Dalplex played host to two down-to-the-wire Atlantic University Sport basketball showdowns on Saturday. Keisha Brown collected a season-high 34 points to lead the Dalhousie Tigers (5-2) to a razor-thin 76-73 victory over the Prince Edward

Island Panthers in women's action. Tessa Stammberger chipped in with 18 points for the Tigers while Amy Gough poured in 21 in a losing cause. The men's squad wasn't so lucky, dropping a 74-73 heartbreaker to the Panthers. Terrence Brown picked up a game-high 20 points in the victory while Simon Marr notched 18 points and nine rebounds for the home squad (2-5). **METRO**

## AUS hockey

### Huskies keep up hot play in hockey

The Saint Mary's Huskies are going into the holiday break red-hot.

Shawn O'Donnell scored twice and added an assist to guide the Huskies to a 5-2 victory over the host Moncton Blue Eagles in AUS hockey action on Saturday.

It was the team's fifth-straight win.

On Friday, the Huskies posted a 3-2 overtime victory over the St. Thomas Tommies in Fredericton.

Meanwhile, Chris Ivanko and Benjamin Breault had a goal and assist to propel the host Tigers to a 3-2 win over the Prince Edward Island Panthers on Saturday. Dalhousie dropped a 5-2 decision to the visiting New

Brunswick Varsity Reds on Friday. **METRO**



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# Chiefs eke out a victory amidst grief

**NFL.** Quinn, Charles lead charge a day after alleged murder-suicide rocks Kansas City club

Against the backdrop of an unthinkable tragedy, the Kansas City Chiefs gave themselves a reason to be proud on Sunday — and perhaps the impetus to let the healing begin.

Brady Quinn threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns and Jamaal Charles ran for 127 yards in the Chiefs' 27-21 victory over the Carolina Panthers. The win snapped an eight-game losing streak during one of the most difficult seasons the franchise has ever experienced.

The game was played one day after Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher allegedly shot his girlfriend multiple times at a residence near Arrowhead Stadium, then drove to the team's practice facility and turned the gun on himself as general manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel looked on.

Pioli walked through the press box before the game and said he was doing "OK," though he didn't stop to talk. Crennel was on the sideline coaching his team to an uplifting victory.

"As far as playing the game, I thought that was the best for us to do, because that's what we do," Crennel said, tears forming in the corner of his eyes. "We're football players and football coaches and that's what we do, we play on Sunday."

Cam Newton threw for 232 yards and three touchdowns for the Panthers (3-9), who were informed the game would be played as scheduled while they were heading to Kansas City on Saturday.

DeAngelo Williams added



Kansas City Chiefs players kneel and pray before a game against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday in Kansas City, Mo. PETER AIKEN/GETTY IMAGES



Chiefs kicker Ryan Succop celebrates a point after touchdown on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Chiefs coach Romeo Crennel wipes his eyes before Sunday's game. COLIN E. BRALEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

67 yards rushing for the Panthers, carrying the load with Jonathan Stewart out with an injury. Steve Smith, Greg Olsen and Louis Murphy caught TD passes.

"You definitely feel for them. What they are going through is tragic," Olsen said. "But we have a job to do. Our job is to come here and prepare to win. They wouldn't expect any less."

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## Crime scene

People were coming and going on Sunday from a house where, a day before, Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher allegedly shot and killed his girlfriend.

- Police did not release additional information on Sunday.

- Kassandra M. Perkins, 22, was shot multiple times on Saturday morning. Belcher drove to Arrowhead Stadium to thank GM Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel for all they'd done for him before he fatally shot himself in the practice facility's parking lot.

## NFL. Pats clinch division with win over Dolphins



Wes Walker of the New England Patriots scores a touchdown during a game against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Two yards from a touchdown on third down, Tom Brady took the snap and fell to the turf curled around the ball, happy to settle for a field goal.

The high-scoring New England Patriots went conservative on Sunday, and the approach paid off with another AFC East championship.

Brady stuck with short throws for much of the afternoon and was content to hand off during a clock-consuming drive in the fourth quarter that helped the Patriots beat Miami 23-16 to clinch their fourth consecutive division title.

Dolphins mistakes proved pivotal. A botched punt, roughing-the-punter penalty and fumble by Miami resulted in 17 New England points, and another penalty negated a Dolphins touchdown.

"It's good to be back in the post-season," coach Bill Belichick said.

The Patriots have won six consecutive games and are assured of their 12th winning season in a row.

The Dolphins (5-7) hurt their already slim playoff chances and lost to New England for the fifth consecutive time.

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## Vonn conquers Lake Louise. Looks to take on world's best men next

Lindsey Vonn is in a class by herself in women's World Cup skiing at Lake Louise.

After winning both downhill, Vonn capped a sweep with a victory in Sunday's super-G.

The American ski star scored a hat trick at the Alberta resort for the second straight year after winning all three races in 2011.

Vonn brought her career wins at Lake Louise to 14.

Is that enough to prompt the world governing body of skiing to reconsider Vonn's request to race the men's World Cup there? Vonn would like to think so.

"It's not like I'm getting 20th every day and saying I want to race the men," Vonn said. "I try to let my skiing speak for itself."

"I think this weekend was the next step for me and a testament to why I want to race with the men."

The U.S. women's team had a banner weekend in the season-opening speed events. Julia Mancuso was second in Sunday's super-G after Stacey Cook was runner-up to Vonn in both downhill.



Lindsey Vonn has 14 career wins at Lake Louise. ALEXIS BOICHARD/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Anna Fenninger of Austria was third on Sunday. Larisa Yurkiw of Owen Sound, Ont., was the top Canadian in 25th place.

Vonn felt pressure to win at Lake Louise this year. In October, the defending overall World Cup champion asked FIS to allow her to compete the men's World Cup on the same mountain. FIS denied her request.

Vonn felt uncertain about how she would perform, but Lake Louise was once again "Lake Lindsey."

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## NHL

### Head honchos to sit out next round of negotiations

The NHL's collective bargaining talks will resume without the key negotiators in the room.

A handful of owners and players will meet Tuesday afternoon in New York.

Commissioner Gary Bettman proposed the meeting last week and the NHLPA accepted it on Sunday.

Both he and NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr won't be present for the session. The NHL lock-out is into its 12th week.

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## Curling

### Lawton, Stoughton win titles in Moose Jaw

Jeff Stoughton of Winnipeg defeated world champion Glenn Howard 4-3 on Sunday in the men's final of the Capital One Canada's Cup of curling, while Stephanie Lawton won the women's title.

Stoughton and Lawton each scored in the 10th end to secure a spot in the 2013 Roar of the Rings.

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# Knicks cool off the Suns at MSG



New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony lays up to the basket against Phoenix Suns shooting guard P.J. Tucker. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

**Home advantage.**  
The Knicks beat the Suns 106-99 to remain unbeaten in the Big Apple this season

Rasheed Wallace delivered a hard whack to Luis Scola, then some hard words to the referees.

These New York Knicks won't let anybody have it easy at Madison Square Garden, not even the officials.

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points and the Knicks ran their best home start in 20 years to 7-0, withstanding Wallace's ejection after a mere 1:25 of playing time to beat the Phoenix Suns 106-99 on Sunday.

## Protecting home court

**"So his whole thing is we've got to protect our house. Teams coming in got to feel like they've got to go somewhere else to get a win."**

Tyson Chandler, New York Knicks

## Sunday's game

106

Knicks

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Suns

Phoenix had won its last two at MSG but the Knicks have finally figured out under coach Mike Woodson that home-court games are not to be wasted. They are 18-1 in the regular season here since he took over last March, jumping on their last few opponents from the start.

"His whole thing when he came in is we're going to protect our home floor. We're going to win every game at home, or we're going to try to win every game at home, and we're going to go out on the road and compete," centre Tyson Chandler said. "So his whole thing is we've got to protect our house. Teams coming in got to feel like they've got to go somewhere else to get a win."

Raymond Felton had 23 points, seven assists and no turnovers for the Knicks,

who last won seven straight at Madison Square Garden to open a season when they started 9-0 in 1992-93. The point guard was hurting after the game, saying he was going to get an MRI on his swollen left hand.

Chandler finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds as the Knicks improved to 12-4 overall, a half-game behind Miami for the best record in the Eastern Conference. They got off to a good start in December after winning 11 in November for the first time since a 12-victory November in 1972 on the way to their last NBA championship.

"I think they're a hell of a basketball team. I really do," Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry said. "When you add Iman Shumpert and Amar'e Stoudemire back to the mix, shoot, they're as good as anybody."

The Knicks shook off the first ejection of Wallace's comeback that left them short-handed. Jason Kidd missed a fourth straight game with lower back spasms but hopes to return during their three-game road trip that includes a game in Miami on Thursday.

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## Rugby World Cup

**Canada will face odds in draw**

Canada will get a better idea Monday of its possible road at the Rugby World Cup as the 2015 Pool Allocation Draw is held at the Tate Modern art gallery on the South Bank in London.

The draw allocates the top 12 teams in the world among the four tournament pools, which will be topped up by two countries per group via qualifying.

Canada can join the big boys this summer through a home-and-away series against the U.S. Eagles.

The winner qualifies as Americas 1, with the loser moving on to a home-and-away series with a South American team to determine who will be Americas 2 at the 2020 World Cup.

The loser of that playoff has a last-chance qualification route via a repechage. Canada, which went 1-2-0 in its November tour and dropped to No. 14 last week in the IRB rankings. The U.S. is No. 16.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

If you jump to conclusions today you will most likely get it completely wrong, so be careful. That applies both to personal affairs and to your career. Remember: a quick decision is not always the best decision.

### Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

Think twice before deciding your next move, then think a third time to be on the safe side. With Jupiter strong in your chart you could make a lot of money – but you could just as easily lose it too.

### Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

It could turn out to be costly if you act on the advice of a colleague. Trust your own judgment and make your own decisions, even if it means going against “expert” opinion which, as you know, is not always reliable.

### Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

What is your weak spot? What area are you most vulnerable in? Make sure you know and make sure you are well protected because your rivals will seek to exploit it over the next 24 hours. Be on your guard.

### Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

For some strange reason the words you are using don't sound the way you want them to sound. In which case your best bet is probably to say nothing at all, at least for the next 24 to 48 hours.

### Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

With the Sun opposing Jupiter across important angles of your chart you will need to make a conscious effort not to go over the top. Whatever it is that is winding you up right now let it go.

### Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Common sense should tell you that you don't have the time to do everything yourself, so get help from people who share your aims and ideals. They may never do as good a job as you, but what choice do you have?

### Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Stop thinking so hard and focus on tasks that are physical rather than intellectual. Not only will your mind get the rest it needs but the answer to an old problem will pop into your head when you least expect it.

### Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

With Jupiter, your ruler, opposed by the Sun today you may fear the worst about a partnership issue, but there really is no need. Everything will work out for the best in the end. Somehow it always does.

### Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Partners and colleagues are far too busy sorting out their own problems at the moment to worry much about yours. Which is annoying in one way but good in another. They are less likely to watch what you're up to!

### Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

Take what you hear from a friend with a large pinch of salt, because the planets warn they are exaggerating. If they tell you one thing and your sixth sense tells you the opposite you must trust your own inner voice.

### Pisces

**Feb. 20 - March 20**

It might be best not to make any sudden or far-reaching decisions, but if you have to make a choice of some kind make sure you consult family and friends.

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## Crossword

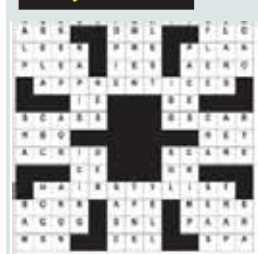
### Across

1. Mistake
4. Prone
7. French soul
10. Form of transport
12. Flowery meadow
13. Study hard for a test
14. "He's Just Not That — You"
15. Hockey great
16. Flying (prefix)
17. Home of Parry Sound (2 words)
20. British thanks
21. Two, in Rome
22. Flooded
25. Fury
29. One of the judges on Dancing with the Stars
30. The night before
31. Wards off
34. Absolutely perfect
36. Apiece (abbr.)
37. Regarding (abbr.)
38. Depict
45. Continental currency
46. Airport listing (abbr.)
47. The — Ranger
49. 'A' — Apple (2 words)
50. Dismal
51. Gradual
52. Abbr. found on a map
53. — la la
54. Wind direction (abbr.)

### Down

1. Silkworm
2. Pealed
3. Ceremonial act
4. Like a bump on — (2 words)
5. Gilpin of Fraser
6. "Gone with the Wind" plantation
7. Land measure
8. Name repeated in a nursery rhyme
9. Funnyman Philips
11. Hauls
13. Log home
18. School cheer
19. Actress Peebles
22. TV alien
23. Tiny
24. Raggedy doll
26. Golly!
27. Longoria of Desperate House-

## Friday's Crossword



## What's online

See today's answers at [metronews.ca/answers](http://metronews.ca/answers).



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Friday's Sudoku

1	5	3	7	2	4	6	8	9
2	7	6	9	8	5	4	1	3
8	4	9	6	1	3	2	5	7
9	8	4	5	3	7	1	2	6
7	1	5	2	6	8	9	3	4
6	3	2	1	4	9	8	7	5
5	9	1	4	7	2	3	6	8
3	2	7	8	9	6	5	4	1
4	6	8	3	5	1	7	9	2

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			8	5	2			
		6	3	2	1	7		
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			7	3	8			
	3	2				9	4	
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